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Mr. Charles M. Auer, Director Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics United States Environmental Protection Agency Washington, DC 20460

Dear Mr. Auer:

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Thank you for your letter of April 12, 2004 in which you inquire about the status of Rohm and Haas Company commitment under the HPV Challenge Program to sponsor:

5,8,11,13,16,19-Hexaoxatricosane CAS RN 143-29-3

You correctly note that to date Rohm and Haas Company has not submitted to the Agency either a robust summary or test plan information for the subject chemical for a start date of 2003.

Although no submittal has yet been made, Rohm and Haas Company has: assembled a robust summary; proceeded to collect additional data; and supplemented the summary file with these new data. At this time, we are completing file updates and anticipate a submission to the Agency during October 2004.

By copy of this letter, we are providing an update to the Chemical Right-to-Know Program at the address given in your letter.

Sincerely,

Philip G. Lewis, M.D., M.P.H. Vice President, Director Environmental, Health, Safety and Sustainable Development